Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a housing defining a useful space and a stowage space, the housing having a front region and a rear region and the useful space being accessible via an opening in the front region of the housing;

a pivotable door for closing off said useful space when said door is in a closed position and disposed at least partly in said stowage space when said door is in an at least partly opened position; and

a guide system for guiding said door in a pivoting motion between said closed position and said open position, said guide system having:

a pivot axis being defined at a fixed position in said housing for pivoting movement of said door thereabout;

at least one first guide track attached to said door;

at least one first guide element attached to said housing to define said pivot axis and disposed within said at least one first guide track, said guide system guiding said door and said at least one first guide track along said at least one first guide element during a pivoting movement of said door about said pivot axis and said at least one first guide element;

at least one second guide track fixed to said housing within said stowage space and extending vertically obliquely upwardly from one end thereof toward an opposite end thereof in a direction from the front region of the housing toward the rear region of the housing;

at least one second guide element fixed to said door and guided for movement along said at least one second guide track, said at least one second guide element being spatially separated from said pivot axis and movable relative to said pivot axis; and

whereby said guide system guides said at least one second guide element along said at least one second guide track during said pivoting movement of said door thereby moving said door into said stowage space, said second guide element being located toward the one end of said at least one second guide track when the door is in its closed position and said guide system guiding said second guide element along said at least one second guide track from the one end of said at least one second guide track toward its opposite end during movement of the door between its closed position and its at least partly opened position, whereby said second guide element moves vertically obliquely upwardly along said at least one second guide track against the force of gravity.

2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said door has an end pivoting in a direction of said stowage space when said door is opened;

said pivot axis traverses a front of said stowage space; and

said at least one second guide element is disposed away from said pivot axis in a direction of said end.

3. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said at least one second guide track is fixed in said housing.

4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said at least one second guide track has a course; and

said course always has at least one linear component.

5. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said at least one second guide track extends rectilinearly.

6. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one first guide track has a course with at least one linear component throughout said course.

7. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said at least one first guide track extends rectilinearly.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said stowage space is disposed underneath said useful space.

9. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one second guide track guides said at least one second guide element in a direction of said useful space during movement of said door into said stowage space.

10. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said door has an end pivoting in a direction of said stowage space as said door is opened; and

said at least one second guide element is disposed at said end of said door.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising at least one holding mechanism holding said door in at least one position.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said holding mechanism is a latching mechanism.

13. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said holding mechanism has a spring-loaded rocker.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising at least one holding mechanism retaining said door in at least one position.

15. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pivot axis is at least two rolling elements.

16. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising at least two rolling elements forming said pivot axis.

17. (Previously Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one second guide element is a rolling element rotatably mounted on said door on a selected one of a lower end section of said door and another section of said door.

18. (cancelled)

19. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus is an appliance and said door is an appliance door.

20. (Currently Amended) An oven, comprising:

an oven housing defining a cooking space and a stowage space, the oven housing having a front region and a rear region and the cooking space being accessible via an opening in the front region of the oven housing;

a pivotable door for closing off said cooking space when said door is in a closed position and disposed at least partly in said stowage space when said door is in an at least partly opened position; and

a guide system for guiding said door in a pivoting motion between said closed position and said open position, said guide system having:

a pivot axis being defined at a fixed position in said housing for pivoting movement of said door thereabout;

at least one first guide track attached to said door;

at least one first guide element attached to said housing to define said pivot axis and disposed within said at least one first guide track, said guide system guiding said door and said at least one first guide track along said at least one first guide element during a pivoting movement of said door about said pivot axis and said at least one first guide element;

at least one second guide track fixed to said housing within said stowage space;

at least one second guide element fixed to said door and guided for movement along said at least one second guide track, said at least one second guide element being spatially separated from said pivot axis and movable relative to said pivot axis and extending vertically obliquely upwardly from one end thereof toward an opposite end thereof in a

direction from the front region of the oven housing toward the rear region of the oven housing; and

whereby said guide system guides said at least one second guide element along said at least one second guide track during said pivoting movement of said door, said second guide element being located toward the one end of said at least one second guide track when the door is in its closed position and said guide system guiding said second guide element along said at least one second guide track from the one end of said at least one second guide track toward its opposite end during movement of the door between its closed position and its at least partly opened position, whereby said second guide element moves vertically obliquely upwardly along said at least one second guide track against the force of gravity.

21. (Previously Presented) A cooking appliance having a housing defining a useful space and a door for selectively covering an access opening to said useful space, said cooking appliance comprising:

a stowage space defined within said housing for selectively receiving and stowing at least a portion of said door; and

a guide system for directing movement of said door into said stowage space, said guide system including:

a pivot axis fixed relative to said housing about which said door pivots,

at least one first guide track fixed to said door and juxtaposed with said pivot axis for directing said door during pivoting movement about said pivot axis,

at least one second guide track mounted to said housing for directing said door during movement into and out of said stowage space, and

at least one guide element attached to said door for supporting said door during movement along said second guide track.